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SUBJ: RHODESIA: PROPOSED TALKING POINTS TO FRONTLINE IN NIGERIA

REF: STATE 67380

1. I HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSED DEMARCHE
AND TALKING POINTS FOR FRONTLINE AND NIGERIA AS FOLLOWS.

2. MARK CHONA HAS MADE QUITE CLEAR TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
ALLINSON AND ME THAT THE ZAMBIANS ARE UNHAPPY WITH WHAT THEY
CONSIDER TO BE OUR ATTEMPT TO BLAME THE FAILURE OF THE ALL
PARTY CONFERENCE ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. THEY WILL REACT STRONGLY
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AND NEGATIVELY TO THE KIND OF APPROACH SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL.

3. ACCORDING TO STATE 67376, THE BRITISH, WITH OUR AGREEMENT
DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE MEETING WITH JACK GAYLORD AND IT

IS PROPOSED THAT WE WOULD STATE PUBLICLY THAT THIS WAS TO EXPLAIN
THE THINKING ON THE MEETING OF ALL PARTIES. IT SEEMS, THEREFORE,

IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO GO TO THE FRONTLINE IN NIGERIA, BLAMING THE FAILURE OF AN ALL PARTIES' MEETING ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WHEN WE WERE STILL PURSUING IT WITH THE RHODESIANS.

4. IN OUR VIEW, A DEMARCHE SUCH AS THE ONE SUGGESTED SHOULD AWAIT A FINAL WRAP-UP ON THE ALL PARTIES MEETING. IT SHOULD BE A BALANCED AND AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT, PREFERRABLY FROM A SENIOR MEMBER OF ONE OR BOTH GOVERNMENTS, REPORTING ON THE RESULTS OF OUR EFFORT, STATING WHERE WE STAND ON IT AND THE AAP, EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE CONFLICT AND ASKING FOR SUGGESTIONS ON NEXT STEPS.

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